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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

CENSUS TRACT INCOME LEVELS ARE NOT WELL REPRESENTED IN AREAS UNDERGOING GENTRIFICATION.

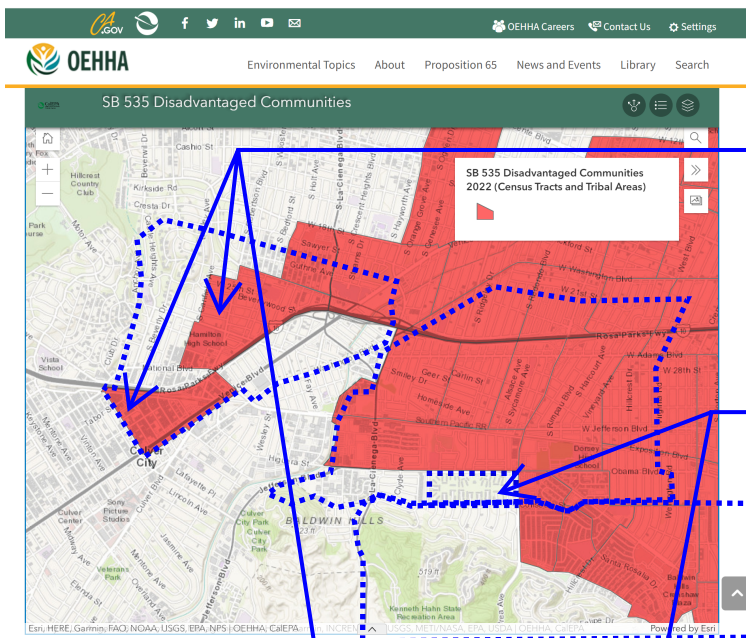
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Example maps below:

CalEPA for Los Angeles:

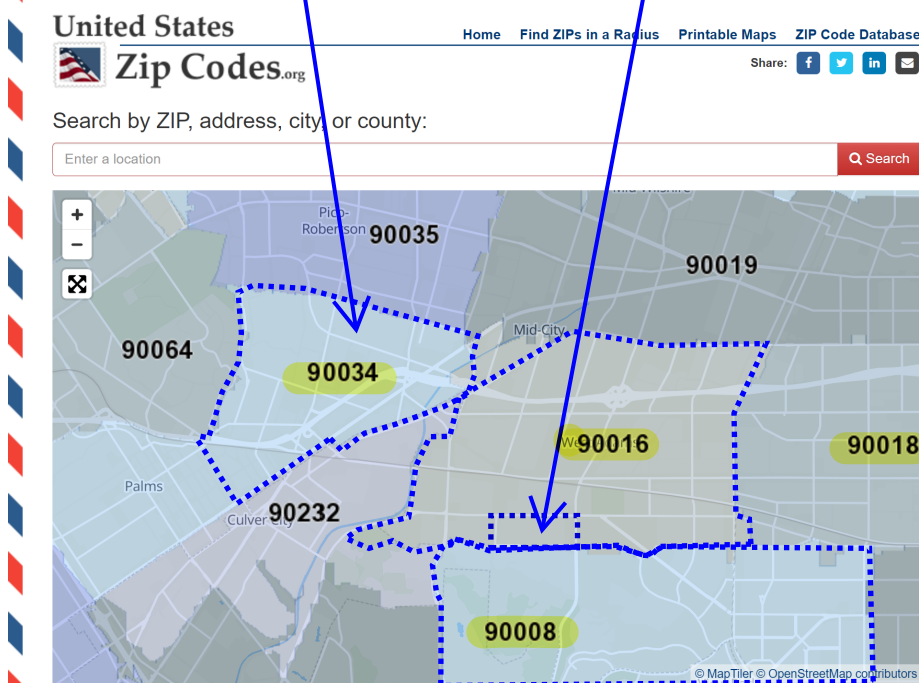
<https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/sb535>



CalEPA identifies this area as underresourced, but there are many remodeled and new homes here which is a sign of wealthier residents. Using the zip code based data on this map and the Household Income data on next page, this area 90034 shows a median income of \$97,511.

This area where I live is very diversified and has many older folks on a fixed income. By zip code analysis 90016 and adjacent 90008 neighborhoods are lower income than 90034.

<https://www.unitedstateszipcodes.org/>



Median Household Income, 2022 Census Estimate*

In 2022 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars

90001	Los Angeles (South Los Angeles), Florence-Graham	\$57,698
90002	Los Angeles (Southeast Los Angeles, Watts)	\$54,221
90003	Los Angeles (South Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles)	\$51,275
90004	Los Angeles (Hancock Park, Rampart Village, Virgil Village, Wilshire Center, Windsor Square)	\$58,420
90005	Los Angeles (Hancock Park, Koreatown, Wilshire Center, Wilshire Park, Windsor Square)	\$49,226
90006	Los Angeles (Byzantine-Latino Quarter, Harvard Heights, Koreatown, Pico Heights)	\$47,599
90007	Los Angeles (Southeast Los Angeles, Univerity Park)	\$36,326
90008	Los Angeles (Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw, Leimert Park)	\$57,880
90010	Los Angeles (Hancock Park, Wilshire Center, Windsor Square)	\$92,454
90011	Los Angeles (Southeast Los Angeles)	\$51,819
90012	Los Angeles (Downtown Civic Center, Chinatown, Arts District, Bunker Hill, Historic Core, Little Tokyo)	\$58,444
90013	Los Angeles (Downtown Central, Downtown Fashion District)	\$24,853
90014	Los Angeles (Downtown Historic Core, Arts District)	\$26,550
90015	Los Angeles (Downtown Fashion District, South Park-South)	\$61,959
90016	Los Angeles (West Adams)	\$63,090
90017	Los Angeles (Downtown Bunker Hill, City West, South Park-North)	\$46,626
90018	Los Angeles (Jefferson Park, Leimert Park)	\$58,987
90019	Los Angeles (Arlington Heights, Country Club Park, Mid-City)	\$65,972
90020	Los Angeles (Hancock Park, Western Wilton, Wilshire Center, Windsor Square)	\$55,321
90031	Los Angeles (Lincoln Heights, Montecito Heights)	\$59,889
90032	Los Angeles (El Sereno, Monterey Hills)	\$76,608
90033	Los Angeles (Boyle Heights)	\$50,616
90034	Los Angeles (Palms)	\$97,511
90035	Los Angeles (West Fairfax)	\$110,520
90230	Culver City	\$107,870
90232	Culver City	\$113,278
90240	Downey	\$99,874